

JUBILEE ADDRESS.

Rev. HUGH JOHNSTON—I congratulate you, Mr. President, upon your honored position as head of this Provincial Sabbath School Association, and I congratulate the Association upon its choice. I am sure, with your long experience as a railway superintendent, and your fifty years' experience as a Sabbath School superintendent, you will be able to run this schedule on time, and to carry this programme through with efficiency and success. I feel it to be a privilege to take any part in the proceedings of this Convention, and especially the honored part assigned me this evening. It strikes me as eminently fitting that in this Jubilee year, when we are assembled together as Sabbath School workers, to compare plans, discuss methods, and gather inspiration for our high and holy work, a brief space is to be set apart to commemorate the Jubilee of our beloved Queen's accession to the throne of the British Empire. (Applause.) We are favored with the presence of two distinguished members of the International Convention held in Chicago; Mr. Jacobs is to be with us, and we have with us to-day the distinguished President of that Convention. I wish you all could have heard his stirring address this afternoon, and I wish you could all have heard his inspiring words in my own church in Toronto last Sunday night. At that Convention in Chicago, hearty congratulations were sent to Her Majesty, and delegates from all parts of the continent sang right loyally "God Save the Queen." Our Sunday Schools are Bible Schools. If they do not teach the Bible first, last, and always, they are counterfeits and cheats, and do not deserve the name; and the Bible, above all other books, inculcates the duty of loyalty. The home, the flag, the cross, these are the symbols of the noblest and purest affections. Now, where but in the Sunday Schools do these affections centre, and from them should come the sweetest demonstrations of respect, and loyalty, and love, toward our revered and honored Queen. And how fitting, too, that this commemoration should be made in this royal city, named after the capital of the great Empire; and which has received and entertained with princely hospitality so many gatherings of Christian workers. And after these words, these hearty and eloquent words of welcome, by Rev. Mr. Murray, I am sure sir, that every delegate is made to feel perfectly at home. (Applause.)

This word "jubilee" is a very old word, and takes us back to the days of Moses, 1496 years before Christ, and means a festival after fifty years of some important event. This year, I understand sir, is your jubilee commemorating your fifty years of labor in this great Sunday School field. The first national jubilee was appointed to be held by the children of Israel, after they had been seven times seven years in possession of the land of Canaan. It was closely connected with the Sabbath, and its practical tendency was towards remedying the evils that are continually springing up from the ordinary condi-

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